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REMARKS

Claims 3-12 and 21, as amended, remain herein.

The following remarks are supplemental to the discussion presented in the Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116 filed July 15, 2004.

Applicant appreciates the statements in the Advisory Action mailed August 18, 2004 that claims 3-12 and 21 would be allowable if non-allowed claims are cancelled and minor edits are made to claims 3, 11 and 12.

1. Claims 13-20 and 22-24 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to applicant's rights to claim such subject matter in a continuing application.

2. Spelling corrections have been made to claims 3, 11 and 12.

All claims 3-12 and 21 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 3-12 and 21 is respectfully requested.


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Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicant would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicant's undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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